

# THE GOLDEN EAGLE



DURING THE WAR, THE Flier KNOWN AS GOLDEN EAGLE, WAS A MAN WHO BELIEVED DEEPLY IN DEMOCRACY! WITH THE WAR OVER, HE HAS A BITTER FIGHT ON HIS HANDS. WHEN HE FINDS A PLACE WHERE DEMOCRACY IS NOT... AND THE "PLUMED SERPENT" FLIES....







WITH LIBERTY'S HELP AND SOME BRUTE FORCE ON THE SNAKE'S NECK, THERE IS A SUDDEN SNAP... AND...

—WHEW... THAT WAS AN ANYFULLY CLOSE CALL... I THOUGHT I WAS A GONER...

FORCING A WAY THROUGH THE UNDERBRUSH IS LIKE FIGHTING A MYRIAD OF CONSTRICATORS...

I FEEL AS IF I WALKED FROM NEW YORK TO CHICAGO... WAIT... WHAT'S THAT AHEAD...

WELL! JUST THE BREAK WE NEEDED!

...CAN I GET SOME WATER... HEY...!! LAY OFF... I'M A FRIEND!!

NOT FAR AWAY...

A WHITE MAN, HUH? BATTON, DO YOU THINK ANYONE HAS LEARNED OUR PLANS?

QUIET, SLATTERY. I THINK WE CAN USE THIS GUY TO SUIT OUR PURPOSES. LEMME THINK... I GOT IT!!

PUT PROTEST AS MUCH AS WE CAN...

FINE HOSPITALITY! NOW WHAT? I WONDER.



THE PLUMED SERPENT IS CALLING FOR A SACRIFICE! SUMMON THE HIGH PRIEST...

HE WILL BE HAPPY!

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE MIGHTY ONE WILL RECEIVE THE HOMAGE THAT IS DUE HIM...

YES...AS SOON AS YOU HAVE MADE PREPARATIONS...





BUT THAT  
LITTLE  
CONTRIBUTION  
WILL NET US A  
FORTUNE!!

SO, THAT'S THEIR SET-UP... I'LL  
BET THEY DON'T PROTECT THE  
NATIVES AT ALL WHEN THEY'RE  
DIGGING... LET'S SEE... THERE  
SHOULD BE SOME WAY THAT I  
CAN UPSET THEIR APPLEGART!

I THINK WITH YOUR HELP  
LIBERTY, WE MAY BE ABLE  
TO TRAP THESE RATS OR  
AT LEAST PUT THEM OUT  
OF BUSINESS! FOLLOW  
ME WHILE I GO BACK  
AND GET THE SNAKE!



LIBERTY WATCHES...

NOW, IF  
I CAN  
MAKE HIM  
UNDERSTAND  
... I HAVE  
TO TAKE  
THE CHANCE!

WHEN  
THE  
NATIVES  
ARE AT  
THE  
ALTER...



MIGHTY  
PLUMED SERPENT,  
GIVE US A  
SIGN! SHOW  
US THY  
PRESENCE!

NOW'S  
THE TIME... IF  
THIS WORKS, THOSE  
WHITE MEN ARE  
GOING TO BE VERY  
UNHAPPY!



SUDDENLY... AS THOUGH IN ANSWER A WEIRD SIGHT SWOOPS INTO VIEW...

SEE...WHAT A WEIRD SIGHT...LIBERTY WITH THE DEAD SNAKE DRAPED AROUND HIM!

THIS WORSHIP IS DISTASTEFUL TO ME! END IT! TO YOURSELVES OF THE WHITE MEN WHO STARTED IT! I WISH TO GO BACK TO YOUR ANCESTORS WHERE I BELONG...BACK TO THE AZTECS?

THAT SHOULD DO IT! OH BROTHER WAIT TILL THOSE CHARACTERS COME BACK... THEY'LL BE IN FOR A LITTLE SURPRISE! NOW I STILL HAVE TO GET TO ROYO DEL ORO...

MIGHTY ONE, HE HAS VOLUNTEERED US A SIGN, SPEAK TO US... SPEAK...



LUCKY BREAK, FINDING A RIVER BOAT NEARBY, ENDS THE JOURNEY...

WE'D STILL BE KNEE-DEEP IN JUNGLE IF I HADN'T FOUND THIS RIVER BOAT! HERE WE ARE...NOW FOR MR. MASTERS! WE'LL HAVE TO EXPLAIN THE REASON FOR OUR DELAY!



I'M GLAD YOU COULD COME, GOLDEN EAGLE. YOU NEED NOT EXPLAIN YOUR DELAY! MY PROBLEM IS SERIOUS! THE INLAND NATIVES HAVE SUDDENLY RENEWED THEIR OLD CUSTOMS...

I HEAR A FAMILAR RING IN YOUR STORY!



THE ANCIENT PRACTICE OF SACRIFICAL WORSHIP OF THE AZTEC PLUMED SERPENT! SOME BLACK-GUARDS ARE LARGELY MEANS TO MAKE THEM WORK RADON MINES, AND THEY ARE DYING LIKE FLEAS FROM RADON ACTIVE BURNS...WHY DO YOU LOOK SO PLEASED, GOLDEN EAGLE?

HAI HA! MR. MASTERS, THIS IS MY FASTEST CASE ON RECORD, LIBERTY AND I SOLVED YOUR PROBLEM BEFORE WE GOT HERE! TAKE A BOW... LIBERTY!



# BLACK VENUS

THE PROBLEM OF REHABILITATION OF WOUNDED SOLDIERS IS A THORNY ONE AT BEST! BLACK VENUS NEVER THOUGHT THAT THERE WERE RACKETEERS LOW ENOUGH TO PREY ON WOUNDED VETS UNTIL SHE MET THE GROUP THAT TRIED TO TURN THE G.I. BILL OF RIGHTS INTO THE G.I. BILL OF WRONG.



HOW DO YOU  
LIKE THIS?

JOHNNY, THIS IS THE  
LIVELIEST YOU'VE  
BEEN SINCE YOU  
RETURNED TO  
CIVVIES!!

YOU BET! COME ON,  
I'LL BUY YOU A  
COKE AND TELL  
YOU ALL ABOUT  
IT....

THIS BOY  
IS GOING  
TO BE OKAY!



THE MOST WONDERFUL  
THING HAS HAPPENED!  
I BORROWED MONEY  
UNDER THE G.I. BILL  
OF RIGHTS, AND NOW  
I AM IN BUSINESS...  
I'M GOING TO BE A  
MILLIONAIRE!!



GEE... I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO THANK  
MR. BONNY ENOUGH FOR LETTING ME  
IN ON THE DEAL! HE MAKES LEGS  
AND ARMS! HE SAYS GUYS LIKE ME  
DESERVE A SHARE IN THE BUSINESS!



HEY... C'MON SMILE,  
KID! I'M IN THE  
BIG TIME  
NOW!

I HOPE YOU ARE  
JOHNNY! LET ME  
HAVE THE NAME AND  
ADDRESS OF THIS MR.  
BONNY,  
WILL YOU?



TAKE IT EASY, JOHNNY, AND DON'T  
GET TOO EXCITED TILL I CHECK  
THIS DEAL... DO YOU HEAR?



DON'T WORRY... I KNOW  
IT'S NOT PHONEY!  
I'LL SEE YOU...

LAX

HARRY  
DRUG

I WONDER IF I'M GETTING TOO SUSPICIOUS  
IN MY OLD AGE... I THINK **BLACK VENUS**  
IS THE GAL TO INVESTIGATE THIS!

THAT'S THE KIND  
OF ADVERTISING  
I HATE! WISH I  
HAD MORE TO  
GO ON THAN A  
**HUNCH**!!



**SLIM AS A REED, SILENT AS THE NIGHT, A  
BLACK SILHOUETTE GLIDES ALONG...**

THERE YOU ARE, SON... YOU  
NOW OWN FORTY EIGHT SHARES  
IN **BONNY'S PROSTHETICS**!!

GEE... I'LL  
NEVER BE  
ABLE TO  
THANK YOU  
ENOUGH,  
SIR!



I'M THE ONE THAT SHOULD  
THANK YOU, AFTER ALL **YOU**  
DID FOR OUR COUNTRY!

IT'S NICE TO KNOW THAT  
SOME OF MY BUDDIES WILL  
BENEFIT ALSO, BECAUSE  
OF MY INVESTMENT!



HMM... NOT  
A BAD DAY  
AT ALL!

THAT DOESN'T  
TELL ME A  
THING... I  
BETTER GET  
A MOVE ON!

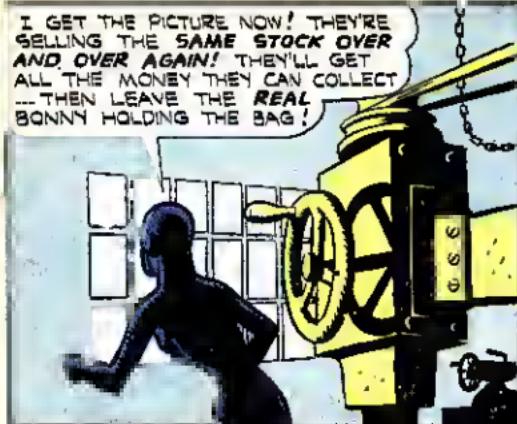


EVERYTHING LOOKS AND  
SOUNDS ALL RIGHT  
MAYBE I WAS TOO  
HASTY WITH MY  
THOUGHTS...





I GET THE PICTURE NOW! THEY'RE SELLING THE SAME STOCK OVER AND OVER AGAIN! THEY'LL GET ALL THE MONEY THEY CAN COLLECT ... THEN LEAVE THE REAL BONNY HOLDING THE BAG!



IT'S WORKING LIKE A CHARM! WHEN THE BANKS INVEST-GATE BEFORE THEY ADVANCE THE MONEY TO THE G.I.'S, THEY'LL FIND A LEGITIMATE BUSINESS IN OPERATION...

PRIVATE

YEAH, BUT IT'S GETTING PRETTY HOT, WE'D BETTER TAKE IT ON THE LAM, SOON!



IT'S HOT ALL RIGHT, BOYS... AND I'M THE ONE THAT'S TURNING ON THE HEAT!

WHAT THE ... IT'S THE BLACK VENUS! CROAK HER, SLIM... !



HEY BOSS!  
SHE'S MAKING  
WITH JOO-JITSEW!

YEAH... AND  
I'M GOING  
TO MAKE  
STEW OUT  
OF HER!

THIS'LL BE A PLEASURE!  
SHE'S STUCK HER  
CHIN OUT ONCE  
TOO OFTEN!

LESS TALK  
AND MORE  
ACTION! IF  
SHE'S HERE,  
THE COPS MAY  
BE ON THEIR  
WAY, TOO!



OOOOOFF...  
GET OFF ME  
YOU IDIOT!

I'LL FIX  
HER FOR  
THIS!!



